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Good afternoon, everyone.

As many of you are aware, an important part of the recreation plan to be implemented on the Rocky Reach Reservoir is the construction of the Entiatqua Trail that will extend from the south end of Entiat Park under both the highway and railroad bridges to the Entiatqua Learning Center that is just down from the mouth of the Entiat River.

In the license order from FERC dated October 12, 1010, Chelan PUD was asked within 1 year to complete a feasibility study on whether or not this trail could be built. During the initial planning of the trail, concerns were raised regarding the need for extensive environmental permitting, site conditions, accessibility constraints, and the trail's proximity to a major transportation corridor, including the highway and railroad bridges. Chelan PUD with the concurrence of stakeholders, proposed to further study the matter in consultation with the City of Entiat, Washington State Department of transportation, C & C Railway, and appropriate agencies. If the study and consultation show that the trail can be built, the PUD would file conceptual drawings, cost estimates, and an implementation schedule with the Commission.

We are well on our way to the completion of the feasibility study that has been conducted over the past several months, however it has been determined that additional time is needed to complete the environmental evaluation and consultation with the agencies.

We would like to send a letter to FERC indicating our need for additional time to complete this study. We will be asking for an extension of time to December 31, 2011. Below is the revised time schedule for completion. Please use the voting buttons above to indicate your acceptance of this revised time schedule and respond back to me by September 9. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you!

Time extension request sent to forum members - August 29

Comment period for time extension ends - September 9

Environmental consultation complete by September 30

Finalization of draft feasibility study by October 28

Consultation on draft feasibility study sent to forum members - November 1

Comment period ends - December 1

Finalization of feasibility study - December 9

Internal consultation - December 12

Internal consultation complete - December 20

Final feasibility study submitted to FERC - December 29, 2011

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